

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The foregoing amendments and the remarks that follow are meant to impart precision to the claims, and more particularly point out the invention, rather than to avoid prior art.

Applicant thanks the examiner for pointing out the allowable subject matter in claims 67 and 73-75. Applicant rewrites claims 67 and 73-75 in independent forms. Thus, at least claims 67 and 73-75 are allowable.

Title

Because of the restriction requirement the title of the invention was objected to for references to “method”. The title is currently amended to remove references to “method”.

Specification

The specification was objected to for the absence of the patent numbers for the applications mentioned in page 1 and in pages 9-10. The specification is amended to provide the corresponding patent numbers.

Objection to the Drawings

Drawings were objected to under 37 C.F.R. §1.83(a). Applicant respectfully submits that the components recited in claims 67 and 73 are illustrated in the drawings of U.S. Patent No. 6,130,602 (Application Serial No. 08/705,043) (‘602 hereafter), which is incorporated by reference in page 10 of specification.

More specifically, Fig. 24 of ‘602 shows a simplified schematic of an integrated circuit having a frequency locked loop 54 which has a current controlled oscillator 59; Figs. 8.02AA-BC show the details of a low power frequency locked loop (lpfl); and Figs. 8.0204AA-EJ show the details of a low power current controlled oscillator (lpcco) including a thermal voltage generator and current mirrors.

Thus, the withdrawal of the objections to the drawings is respectfully requested.

Claim Informalities

The present amendment corrects the informalities mentioned in the claim objections under 37 C.F.R. §1.75(a) and rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

Double Patenting

Claims 68 and 78-81 were rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 12 of U.S. Patent No. 6,885,089. Without admitting the propriety of the rejection, Applicant respectfully submits a terminal disclaimer, which overcomes the nonstatutory double patenting rejection.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 78-79 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tuttle '263 (U.S. Patent No. 5,406,263) in view of Tuttle '679 (U.S. Patent No. 5,558,679). Applicant respectfully disagrees. Claim 78 recites "a cured adhesive including a silane and an epoxy ...", which feature is not found in Tuttle '263 and Tuttle '679. Thus, claim 78 and its dependent claim 79 are patentable over Tuttle '263 and Tuttle '679.

Claims 65-66, 68-72, 76-77 and 80-81 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Tuttle '263 in view of Tuttle '679, as applied to claims 78-79, and further in view of Bandy (U.S. Patent No. 6,002,344). Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Independent claims 65 and 68 recite "a conductive adhesive including a silane", which features is not found Tuttle '263, Tuttle '679, and Bandy. Thus, claims 65 and 68 and their dependent claims are patentable over Tuttle '263, Tuttle '679, and Bandy.

Bandy does not cure the deficiency of Tuttle '263 and Tuttle '679 in meeting the limitations of independent claim 78. Thus, dependent claims 80-81 are patentable over Tuttle '263, Tuttle '679, and Bandy at least for the above discussed reasons.

Rejoinder

Since Applicant elects the product claims, Applicant respectfully requests the consideration of the withdrawn process claims for rejoinder upon the indication of allowable product claims.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that all of the Examiner's objections have been addressed and that the application is now in order for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration of the application and allowance thereof is courteously solicited.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-2638 for any charges that may be due. Furthermore, if an extension is required, then Applicants hereby request such an extension.

Respectfully submitted,

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